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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE  
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT THEREFOR

Dear Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated December 29, 2003 for three (3) months from March 29, 2004 to June 29, 2004. An Amendment responding to the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

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